

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A method and apparatus for transmitting an input data signal over an  
information channel. The input data signal comprises a sequence of data  
blocks. A puncture coded signal is generated for each data block in the  
sequence of data blocks. The total number of bits in the puncture coded  
signal is equal to the number of bits in a particular data block plus additional  
error correcting bits used to perform error correction at a receiver. The  
10 number of error correcting bits is adaptively adjusted for each data block in  
response to a channel quality measure for the information channel.

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